

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

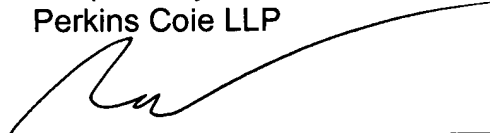
The applicants respectfully traverse with linking claims. "Election of a single invention in reply to a restriction requirement, combined with a traverse of only the non-allowance of the linking claims, is an agreement with the position taken by the Office that restriction is proper if the linking claim is not allowable and improper if it is allowable. If the Office allows such a claim, it is bound to withdraw the requirement and to act on all linked inventions which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable linking claim." MPEP 818.03(d).

II. Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4300.

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